IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 4619 OF 2004

WITH

CRI. APPLNS. NOS. 4620 and 4621 of 2004

Ramratan Shrinivas Soni ... Applicant

versus

C.B.I., Mumbai and anr. ... Respondents

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Mr. M.K. Kocharekar, for the Applicant.

Mr. D.D. Gharat, for Respondent No. 1.

Mr. S.R. Shinde, A.P.P., for Respondent No. 2.

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CORAM : A.M.KHANWILKAR,J.

8th December 2004

P.C.:

. Heard Counsel for the parties. Perused the relevant materials, which are adverted to in the order of the lower Court while rejecting the bail application preferred by the Applicant. After considering the materials on record, which includes statements of witnesses Miss Fatima Ibrahim Malam, Mr. T.K. Sivaramakrishnan, Mr.

Salim Suleman Yahoo and Mr. Ponnuraj Ponnudurai @ Raj, I am in agreement with the conclusion reached by the Court below that the Applicant had connection with the prime accused Telgi including that the Applicant supplied special adhesive stamps to the prime accused Telgi, which were fake and seals and signatures of the Stamp Offices thereon were forged. Having regard to the voluminous material on record, which incriminates the Applicant, not a case for bail.

. Counsel for the Applicant, however, submits that there is no material worth the name to indicate that the Applicant had any role in counterfeiting of the stamp papers. This submission clearly overlooks the materials already on record to show that the Applicant was supplying special adhesive stamps which were obviously fake and contained forged seals and signatures of the Stamp Offices. Moreover, the material on record also indicates that criminal conspiracy was hatched and the Applicant is also party to such conspiracy. Moreover, the record indicates that the Applicant is involved in similar other offences which are already pending trial. Taking overall view of the matter, not a

case for grant of bail. Dismissed.